# "Be Me" Black Alley

#### **Activity Summary**

This worksheet includes the lyrics for "Be Me" by Black Alley. Students watch the video and fill in the missing words.

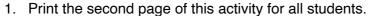
#### **Associated Video**



"Be Me" - Black Alley (5'43")

thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley

#### **Lesson Plan**





- 2. Visit thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley and watch the video "Be Me."
- 3. Ask students to take 1-2 minutes to look at the song lyrics before listening.
- 4. Play the song and ask students to change the underlined words into the slang or shortened words they hear in the song. You can choose to provide your students with a word bank. (Ex. <u>Trying to</u> → trynna)
- 5. Put students into groups of 2-3 to check answers.
- 6. Project the lyrics gap-fill sheet on the board, and ask students to come to the board to fill in the missing words, or list the numbers on the board and ask students to write the answers for each number.

#### Less Challenging



Require only one word to identify, stop the video when the word is said, or play only a section of the video.

### **More Challenging**



Fill out the worksheet from memory, fill in the blanks out of order, or complete the worksheet vocally.

#### **Online Tip**

This activity can be easily replicated online. Put students into breakout rooms to check their answers in small groups, and ask students to write their answer for each number in the chat box, or by saying the word aloud.

### Key

1. climin' 2. trynna 3. 'cuz 4. gotta 5. 'cuz 6. ain't 7. gotta 8. you gon' 9. you gon' 10. you gon' 11. gon' 12. 'cause 13. gon' 14. gon' 15. gon' 16. gon'

### **Lyrics**

Just been trying to 2. up here for a while change somehow

ENGLISH

## "Be Me"

# Black Alley

because 3	I'm not really w	ho you need me to be	
But I learned some	etimes it's just got to 4	be me	
It may be hard to	take <u>because</u> 5	you <u>are not</u> 6	used to
seeing me this wa	у		
I'm free from your	perception. No longer ne	ed acceptance.	
Right now it's got	<u>to</u> 7 be a	bout me	
I know I'm not per	fect, but who is? But I kno	ow that I'm worth it, but	who gives a perfect
performance? And	d who lives for your endors	sement? Not me. Not m	ne anymore.
May not like what	you hear now, but <u>you are</u>	e going to 8.	feel me, <u>you are</u>
going to 9	feel me		
May not like what	you see now. It's the real	me, it's the real me.	
You already know	who I am: it's exposed.		
Are you going to 1	0s	tay or let it go?	
Either way I'm stil	going to 11	be me	
I'm starting all ove	er. I'm running my own sho	ow	
because 12	all I really	want to be is for me	
With no map. Just	me on the open road.		
[Chorus]			
May not like what	you hear now, but you <u>are</u>	e going to 13.	feel me, you <u>are</u>
going to 14	feel me		
May not like what	you see now. It's the real	me, it's the real me.	
-	who I am: it's exposed.		
Are you going to 1	5s	tay or let it go	
Either way I'm still	going to 16	be me.	